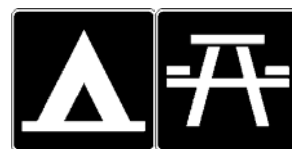


# TONTO National Forest



Recreation  
Opportunity  
Guide

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CAMPING AND PICNICKING

## AIRPLANE FLAT

### RANGER DISTRICT

Pleasant Valley Ranger Station  
P.O. Box 450  
Young, AZ 85554  
Phone: (928) 462-4300 Fax: (928) 462-4346

### RELATED OPPORTUNITIES

Fishing, water recreation, wildlife observation  
and hiking

### SEASON OF USE

April - November

### ELEVATION

6600 feet

### FACILITIES

Vault toilets  
Dispersed camping  
**No drinking water** available

### BARRIER-FREE ACCESSIBILITY

One vault toilet is equipped with grab bars and  
may require some assistance.

### LOCATION AND ACCESS

**Access #1**(41 miles east of Payson): From  
Payson, travel 33 miles east on paved State  
Hwy. 260. Turn right on Young Road/Forest  
Road (FR) 512 (unpaved) and continue for 3  
miles to FR 33. Turn left on FR 33 and travel 5  
miles to the site.

**Access #2**(28 miles north of Young): From  
Young, take unpaved State Hwy. 288/Forest  
Road (FR) 512 north for 23 miles to FR 33.  
Turn right onto FR 33. Follow FR 33 for 5 miles  
to the site.

### ATTRACTIONS

- This campground of dispersed units is set in  
an open stand of mature Ponderosa pine.
- Nearby Canyon Creek is known for its trout  
fishing.
- Nearby Arizona Game & Fish Department  
Canyon Creek Fish Hatchery has self-guided  
tours.
- Wildlife includes: Abert squirrel, black bear,  
mountain lion, elk, turkey and deer.

### FEES

None

### CONSIDERATIONS

- Both FR 512 and FR 33 are unpaved roads.  
Four-wheel-drive or chains are advised after  
heavy rains or snow.
- Bear-proof your camp -- especially foodstuffs..
- Canyon Creek fishing is restricted to artificial  
flies and lures only.
- In the winter, temperatures dip into the teens
- Trailers are not recommended **over 16 feet**
- A sewage dump facility is located at  
Ponderosa Campground on Highway 260, 15  
miles east of Payson. There is a \$5.00 dump  
fee.
- No trash service: **PACK IT IN, PACK IT  
OUT!!**

### NEAREST COMMERCIAL SERVICES

**Young:** Gas, telephones, water and food

**Forest Lakes:** Gas and food

**Payson:** All services

### RELATED INFORMATION SOURCES

- Arizona Rivers and Streams Guide*, Arizona  
State Parks